

The Italian City

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Project Type: Study Abroad
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Major: History

Description of STEP Project:

My project was a four week study abroad to Bologna, Italy. Prior to the trip I completed a week of travel in Switzerland. While in Bologna we took a class about the history of the city and how it played an important role in Italian history. As well as emerging myself in the Italian culture. We also took trips to various cities around northern Italy to experience more of the beautiful country.



What was transformative about this project?

I was able to fully emerge myself in another culture. I actually got to know what it is like to live outside the US. It was a very eye opening experience. This project allowed me to learn about the history of another nation that I knew very little about. I got to witness where these events took place.



Why I chose this project?

My entire life I have wanted to go to Italy. Everyone always talks about how beautiful the country is. I also took Italian in high school and have always wanted to use it, but I never had the chance. I saw this study abroad at the study abroad expo and it looked like it would be an amazing trip.



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